

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7219  
INFO USDOC WASHDC  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BENC, EMIN, MR  
SUBJECT: CONTINUING DISPUTE BETWEEN KUWAITI-CONTROLLED SAMIA  
AND SNIM

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 112

1. IN SPITE OF SEVERAL NEGOTIATING SESSIONS HELD IN NOUAKCHOTT AND KUWAIT OVER PAST TWO MONTHS, DISPUTE BETWEEN SNIM AND SAMIA DESCRIBED REFTTEL APPARENTLY REMAINS UNRESOLVED. MANAGERIAL-LEVEL, NON-KUWAITI EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEE OF SAMIA TOLD AMBASSADOR MARCH 23 THAT VIRTUALLY NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN BREAKING SNIM/SAMIA DEADLOCK OVER CONTROL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS METALS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. LACK OF PROGRESS WAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY SENIOR SNIM OFFICIAL WHO ADDED THAT, IF ANYTHING, RESPECTIVE SNIM/SAMIA POSITIONS HAVE HARDENED. IN INTERIM, DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ORIGINALLY SLATED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY SAMIA REMAIN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

2. REQUEST THAT ESSENCE OF ABOVE INFO BE PASSED BY COMMERCE TO ALLIS-CHALMERS AND OTHER AMERICAN FIRMS MAKING INQUIRIES CONCERNING LOCAL SAMIA PROJECTS.

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